(d) if so, the performance in that regard during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N. T. SHANMUGAM): (a) Yes, Sir. The production of fruits increased from 28.63 million tonnes in 1991-92 to 45.37 million tonnes in 2000-2001 and production of vegetables increased from 58.53 million tonnes to 93.92 million tonnes during the same period.

(b) The fruits and vegetables produced in the country are utilised for local consumption, exports and processing.

(c) For encouraging export of fruits and vegetables, the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) is providing financial assistance to individuals/exporters for various activities like setting up Infrastructure Facilities, Packaging Development, Human Resource Development, Export Promotion, Marketing Development and Quality control. Besides, APEDA alongwith the State Governments have initiated several programmes under Agri Export Zones for paying focussed attention on area-based programme for export promotion of fruits and vegetables.

(d) The export of fruits and vegetables has been increasing during the last three years, as per the details given below:

Year	Quantity(MT)	Value (Rs. lakhs)
1999-2000	502778	647.22
2000-01	623988	844.09
2001-02	788908	987.61

Opening of a dairy in Uttar Pradesh

1044. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to open a dairy in Uttar Pradesh during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of financial allocations made, so far, in this respect; and

(d) by when the proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Central Government and the Government of Uttar Pradesh have no proposal for opening a dairy in Uttar Pradesh during the current financial year.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

MSP for Copra

1045. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the MSP for Copra has been fixed at Rs. 3300 and Rs. 3555 per quintal, for milling and ball Copra, respectively;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken note of the low productivity-rate and the high cost of cultivation, before fixing the MSP;

(c) whether Government have received any requests from the State Governments for raising the MSP; and

(d) if so, the details of the request received and the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Based on the recommendation of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), views of the State Government and concerned Central Ministries, as well as other relevant factors, the Government has fixed the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Milling and ball Copra of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) at Rs. 3300 and Rs. 3550 per quintal respectively for 2002 season. While recommending the MSP for Copra, the CACP has taken into consideration, *inter alia,* the low productivity and cost of cultivation of Copra.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Government has received a request from the Government of Kerala suggesting that the MSP of milling Copra be fixed at Rs. 4600 per quintal and that of ball Copra at Rs. 4800 per quintal for 2002 season. The request has been considered by the CACP while making price recommendation for 2002 season.

Cultivation on rain-fed land

†1046. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN': Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cultivation on most of the rain-fed land proves to be unremunerative;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government have made any assessment regarding the financial gains accruing from cultivation on such land; and

†Orignal notice of the question received in Hindi.